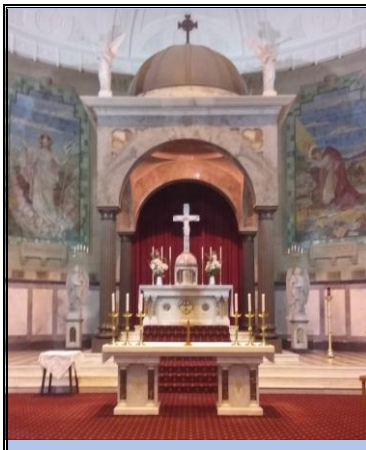




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, 123 ST LEONARDS ROAD, ASCOT VALE
ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, BARB STREET, MARIBYRNONG

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil:

6.00pm St Mary’s

Sunday:

8.30am St Margaret’s

10.30am St Mary’s

6.00pm St Mary’s (Spanish)

Weekday Mass Times

Mon 10.00am St Mary’s

Tue 9.00am St Mary’s

Wed 9.00am St Mary’s

7.00pm St Mary’s

Thu 9.00am St Mary’s

Fri 9.15am St Mary’s

Sat 9.30am St Mary’s

Reconciliation

(Confession)

Saturday

10.00–10.30am St Mary’s

5.30–5.45pm St Mary’s

Eucharistic Adoration

Tue 9.30–10.30am St Mary’s

Sat 10.00–11.00am St Mary’s

Baptisms at St Mary’s

Baptisms are celebrated on the
2nd & 4th Sundays of each
month at 12:00 noon.

Baptism Information Sessions
are held in St Mary’s Church
at 7:30 pm on the first Thursday
of each month. Parents desiring
the baptism of their child must
attend one of these sessions.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28 September 2025

In this Jubilee Year of Hope Catholic, Social Services Victoria has adopted the theme Anchors of Hope. Their message to us is that Social Services Sunday allows us to acknowledge and reflect upon the important work of the staff and volunteers across Catholic social services, who bring hope to the most vulnerable in our community every day. Catholic Social Services Victoria puts forward some *Practical steps for parishes* asking *How can you be an anchor of hope?*

Two of their practical steps are:

- Consider whether you are able to volunteer at or donate to Catholic social service organisation to support their work. See some organisations below.
- Pray for the staff and volunteers of social services who provide hope to our communities.



Our members are committed to the Gospel values of working to serve the poor and vulnerable, and working toward a just and equitable society. For more information on the many services that Catholic Social Services Victoria provide go to css.org.au.

“Love and charity, are service, helping others, serving others. There are many people who spend their lives in this way, in the service of others. ... When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love! And with the washing of the feet the Lord teaches us to be servants, and above all, servants as He was a servant to us, for every one of us.”

Pope Francis

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 4/5 Oct 2025

Parish Counters: R Aparo; D McAleer

Ministers of the Word			Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	
Time	St Mary's	St Margaret's	St Mary's	St Margaret's
6.00 pm	R Hoshun		P Barbaro	
8.30 am		S Varghese		R Turnbull
10.30 am	M Doran		M Andronaco	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 501

Offertory: CWBII 616

Communion: CWBII 549

Reflection: CWBII 651

Recessional: CWBII 455

Recently Deceased:

Rodney D'Souza

Anniversaries:

Daniella & Lucia Sessarego; Nicola Colicchia; Charles Parnis; Greg Hillas; Paolo Domenico; Caterina & Antonio Barbaro; Gloria Pinto; Vency Pinto

Feast Days:

29 Sep: Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

30 Sep: St Jerome

1 Oct: St Therese of the Child Jesus

2 Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels **3 Oct:** St Francis of Assisi

Readings Next Week:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-9

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of God's Church **Felicity Andrea Chau** who will be baptised in our parish on Sunday.



Car Parking for Weekend Masses - Weekend 4/5 October

Please note that on the weekend of 4/5 October, the school basketball court is being resurfaced and the car parking on the school grounds is unavailable.

Friday Mass at St Margaret's

As it is school holidays, 9:15 Friday Mass will be at St Mary's this week.

Lasagna Love is a heartwarming initiative our Parish is supporting that brings our community together through food and kindness. You can register to receive a homemade lasagna if you or someone you know could use a comforting meal, or volunteer to make a lasagna to share with families in need. This simple act of generosity not only nourishes those who receive it but also helps address food insecurity and spreads joy throughout our parish. Whether you're giving or receiving, Lasagna Love is a delicious way to show care and support for one another. Learn more and sign up at www.lasagnalove.org



Please use the QR code if you wish to contribute to our parish church.
Your generosity is much appreciated.
Thank you.

Legion of Mary - For member enquiries and home visitations please contact: 0435 095 998.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 1800 305 330, Monday – Friday, 10am – 3pm.

Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage

Visit local Pilgrim Places

A Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday 11 October** which includes two of our local pilgrim places.

St Mary Star of the Sea, West Melbourne

Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie

Clipboards are available at our churches, if you wish to be part of the pilgrimage.

For more information, contact Anne via email annefogarty2010@hotmail.com.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process will resume for 2025-2026 on **Wednesday, 8th October at 7.30pm** in the Presbytery. While the upcoming process remains open to additional enquirers, a big number has already contacted the Parish Office to enquire about Sacraments for Adults.

Daylight Saving starts next weekend, 4/5 October

Beware, next weekend we turn our clocks forward on Saturday night and lose an hour!

Discover **Catholic Podcasts** and events happening across Australia—retreats, pilgrimages, workshops, and more. Visit www.CathEvents.org.au to find opportunities to grow in faith and community.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support and march for the babies at **1.00pm Saturday, 11th October 2025** Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne.

Getting There – City Circle Tram No.35 from Flinders and Spencer Street Stations.

Wear pink and blue for the Babies! www.marchforthebabies.com

This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops.

Run over three days, the Festival provides young people from all across Australia with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia.



Who: Year 9 to 25 years of age

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral and Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre

When: 30 November – 2 December 2025

The parish of St Mary's is looking to send a group to ACYF. Please express your interest by filling the form below to be involved and receive updates.

The link and qr code to the Expression of Interest form are found on this page.

Link <https://forms.gle/nuzryRwSzXB4xwJt6>



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Am 6:1.4 -7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145

R. Praise the Lord , my soul.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Tm 6:11- 16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose

home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.